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subject port is not suitable for a vessel drawing 26' although voyage charter guaranteed 27'. Dredging operations have deepened the harbor, especially alongside wharves, but insufficient dredging has been undertaken along the narrow entrance channel and at the sea buoy. Two other ships were reported aground at the sea buoy on the tongue of the bank labeled designator E. The three most critical portions of the channel are located at designators E, F and G.

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Weather during period of call was cold with some rain and no snow. Highest temperature recorded in port was 41°F, and lowest reading was 25°F. Winds were very strong gale warnings were displayed. In the approaches to subject port the tide does not influence water depth, but westerly winds will drive water out of the channel toward the Baltic Sea and lower depth by several feet.

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4. Anchorage positions designators A, C, and D. These anchorages were all over good holding ground,

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6. Controls

Several other army guards were seen patrolling the wharf area. To go ashore, all persons were required to be checked out by a Volkspolizei guard at the dock gate.

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7. Harbor Craft

two diesel tugs, one about 1200 horsepower from Rostock and the other about 800 horsepower used to tow lighters. One other tug was observed at subject port.

8. Berth berth at designator E at 302030A

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Berth was one of three alongside a stone quay in the Kohlenhafen. The north side of this basin has been dredged to 30' at berth labeled designator L, but only 20' at berth labeled designator E. Three railroad track spurs are located on the quay apron and wooden fenders are located along the face of the quay. This quay is in the best condition of any at subject port. Two warehouse sheds are located in the middle of the quay. Four stationary cranes of about five-ton capacity are located on the apron. Road clearance is afforded by a roadway running the length of the quay.

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Approximately seven days were required for offloading total cargo of 7600 metric tons phosphate. Delay was frequently encountered when insufficient railroad cars were available to receive cargo and work was stopped. Sketch of quay is drawn on the following page.

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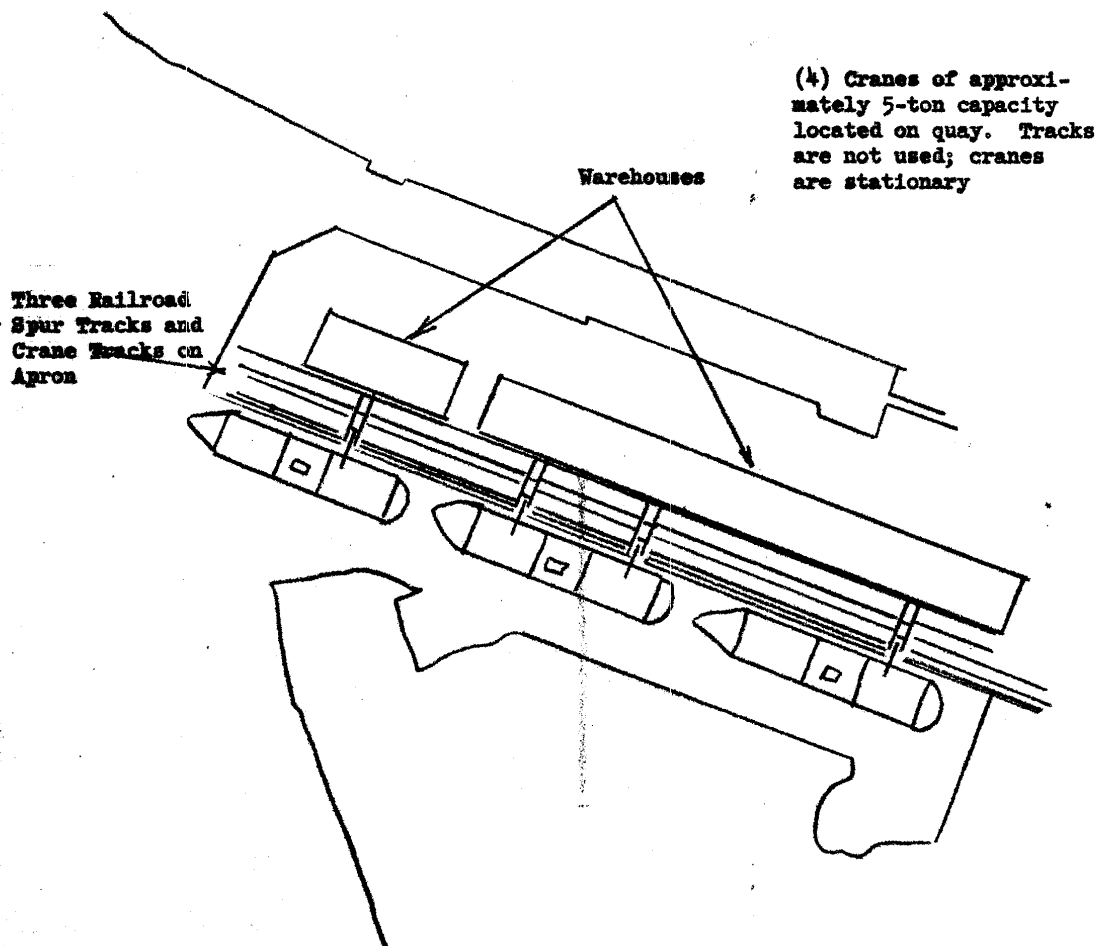
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Sketch of Quay

(Kohlenhafen)

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9. New Construction A new apartment house development is located in the vicinity of designator I. This housing is intended for some workers employed in the shipyard and their families. [redacted] only those [redacted] workers who excel in meeting production quotas are permitted to live in this apartment development. 25X1

10. Shipbuilding and Ship Repair [redacted] a passenger and a merchant vessel being rebuilt alongside the shipyard at designator J. No new vessels were under construction. The shipyard is equipped with several large bridge cranes. The marine ways were unoccupied. The passenger vessel being rebuilt alongside is a former German vessel of about 20 thousand gross tons. 25X1

[redacted] this vessel [redacted] has been salvaged and was recently in the Baltic for trials during which she attained a speed of 14 knots. Upon return to shipyard it was found that vessel's machinery was full of sand, and it was necessary to remove the engines. [redacted] 25X1
the Communist Party officials at the shipyard ordered work completed on the vessel by 18 Nov 55 [redacted] 25X1

the shipyard has over eight thousand employees,

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but only work enough for two thousand. A diver went down [redacted] vessel's berth to check for possible damage resulting from grounding but found none.

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16. Miscellaneous [redacted] secretary of the local Seamen's Trade Union [redacted] spoke acceptable English in addition to his native German, and wore a small button badge showing the Soviet and East German flags displayed together.

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[redacted] the operatic programs were more like operettas, and were strictly third-rate performances. [redacted] meals in the "HO," state restaurants, where the bill of fare was barely satisfactory. The best features of these meals were the local beer and brandy served. There appeared to be adequate supplies of clothing both in the shops and being worn by the populace. Food supplies in the "HO" stores seemed sufficient, but [redacted] coffee and butter were still being rationed.

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[redacted] In spite of the limitations imposed by the shallow depth of water in approaches and the lack of adequate berthing facilities, it is apparent that the East German government is attempting to make subject port a more active shipping center.

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such an attempt is ridiculous unless substantial steps are taken to deepen and widen the entrance channel and to improve the berthing facilities.]

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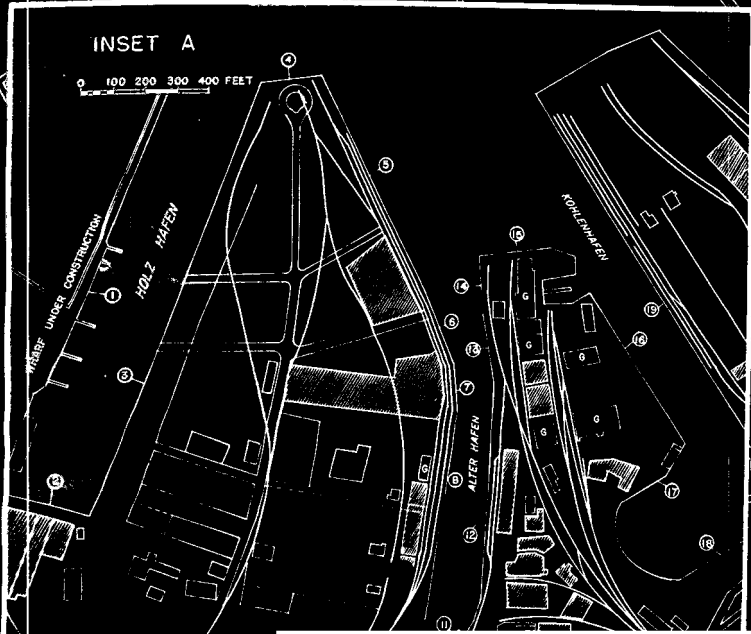
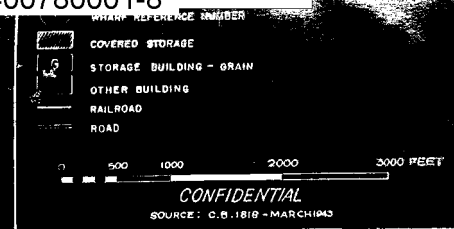
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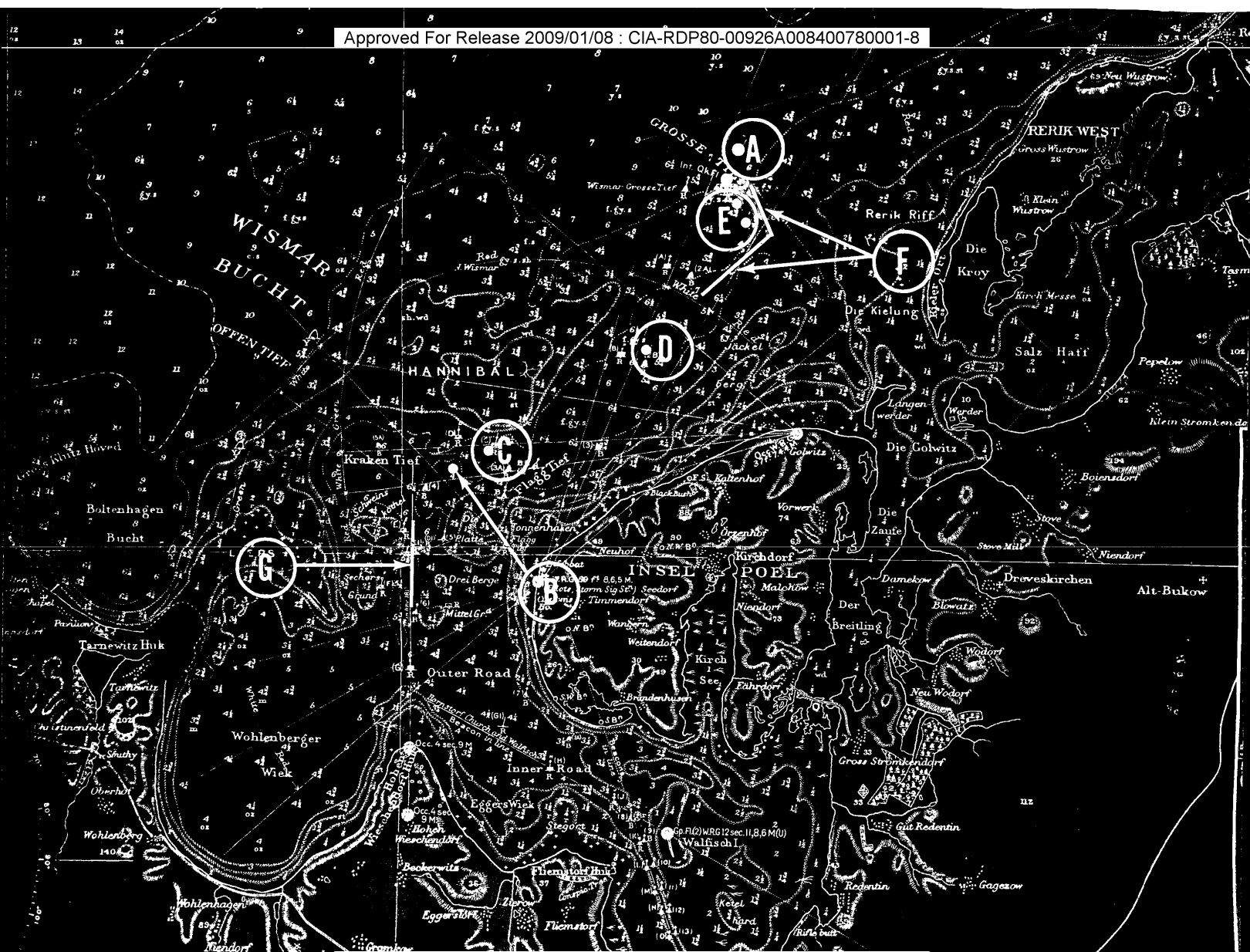
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